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Common marmosets (*Callithrix jacchus*) evaluate third-party social interactions of human actors but Japanese monkeys (*Macaca fuscata*) do not

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### **Abstract**

Reciprocity and cooperation are fundamental to human society and are observed in nonhuman primates. Primates are not only sensitive to direct reciprocity and its violation, but also indirect reciprocity. Recent studies demonstrated that some primate species adjusted their behaviour by observing others' interactions. Capuchin, marmoset, and squirrel monkeys avoided taking food from human actors who behaved non-reciprocally; however, no such empirical evidence among Old World monkeys is available. Here, we show that common marmosets, which are a highly pro-social species, discriminated between human actors who reciprocated in social exchanges and those who did not; however, Japanese monkeys, who are renowned for despotic social relationships did not. In the reciprocal condition, two human actors exchanged food equally, while in the non-reciprocal condition, one actor (non-reciprocator) ended up with all the food and the other actor with none. The common marmosets avoided receiving food from the non-reciprocator in the non-reciprocal condition. Nevertheless, the Japanese monkeys did not show differential preferences in either condition. These results suggest a crucial role for pro-social tendencies in monkeys' responses to asymmetric exchanges and indicate that third-party social evaluations are not homologous among primates. Further comparative studies with direct comparisons will be required to explore the underlying mechanism of third-party social evaluations.

**Key words:** social evaluation, reciprocity, marmoset monkeys, Japanese monkeys, social cognition

## Introduction

Humans are extremely cooperative (Burkart et al., 2014; Henrich & Henrich, 2007). To maintain cooperative relations, each individual should be sensitive to reciprocity, otherwise freeloaders increases in the population and collapse cooperative relations in the society (Olson, 1965). Reciprocity is often observed in nonhuman animals (Trivers, 1971). It has been proposed to explain the mechanisms for the exchange of social behaviours, such as grooming in the case of primates (Molesti & Majolo, 2017). Although reciprocity is a type of altruistic behaviour, especially among nonrelatives, individuals expect a return based on their own actions toward a recipient. Three types of reciprocity have been proposed: direct, indirect, and generalized (Molesti & Majolo, 2017). All three are possible; however, indirect and generalized reciprocity seem to be limited in nonhuman primate species, at least in macaques. Longtailed macaques (*Macaca fascicularis*) directed more of their grooming behaviours toward those individuals that groomed them more (direct reciprocity), but not toward those who groomed other individuals more (indirect reciprocity). Monkeys that received more grooming did not groom others more (generalized reciprocity) (Majolo, Aureli, & Schino, 2011). Grooming distribution in Barbary macaques (*Macaca sylvanus*) was also partner-specific (Molesti & Majolo, 2017). These results support the view that direct reciprocity occurs in nonhuman primates but suggest that indirect and generalized reciprocity are rare or absent in nonhuman primates. In fact, many views currently suggest that although direct reciprocity was predicted to be common in nature, it is quite rare, especially 'calculated' reciprocity, and the evidence for indirect reciprocity is even more limited (Hammerstein, 2003; Schino & Aureli, 2010).

Indirect reciprocity may be beneficial to altruistic individuals, because their 'reputation' or 'image' increases their own probability of receiving help from others when needed (or, in the case of selfishness, impairs an individual's 'image', which decreases its probability of receiving help), (Nowak & Sigmund 1998; Lotem et al. 2003). Although animals may adjust

28 their behaviour in response to the presence of observers (Bshary, 2002) to improve their  
29 'image', observers may also modify their behaviour based on social interactions with others.  
30 The advantages to observers in social interactions are that relevant information can be  
31 gathered at no risk, at little cost, and before any interactions with the interacting individuals  
32 (McGregor 1993). There is growing literature regarding whether nonhuman primates respond  
33 based on the observation of others' interactions (Cheney & Seyfarth 1990). So far, studies in  
34 which great apes observe interactions (between humans) from a third-party stance have  
35 yielded mixed results. Chimpanzees did not change their sharing/stealing behaviours  
36 regardless of whether they were being watched by a group mate (Engelmann et al., 2012).  
37 Chimpanzees also did not show punishment behaviours when the food of third parties was  
38 stolen even when the victim was related to them, whereas they retaliated when their own food  
39 was stolen (Riedl, Jensen, Call, & Tomasello, 2012). However, some studies reported, at least  
40 in part, that reputational judgments resulted in a preference for cooperators (Hermann, Keupp,  
41 Hare, Vaish, & Tomasello, 2013; Russell, Call, & Dunbar, 2008; Subiaul, Vonk,  
42 Okamoto-Barth, & Barth, 2008). These positive results of previous studies on apes'  
43 preferences for human actors who were 'generous' versus 'mean' (those who interrupted  
44 food-giving) toward a third party (Russell et al., 2008; Subiaul et al., 2008) might simply  
45 reflect apes' learning how to maximize their likelihood of receiving food from a human  
46 (Anderson, Bucher, Chijiwa, Kuroshima, Takimoto, & Fujita, 2017).

47 Anderson and colleagues modified procedures from previous studies of the observation  
48 of others' interactions by great apes and to test capuchin monkeys (Anderson, Takimoto,  
49 Kuroshima, & Fujita, 2013). They showed reciprocal and non-reciprocal exchanges by human  
50 actors to capuchin monkeys. In the 'reciprocal' exchange, human actors *A* and *B* exchanged  
51 small plastic balls. In the 'non-reciprocal' exchange, actor *A* picked up the balls from actor *B*;  
52 however, in response to *B*'s request, *A* refused by briefly turning her head away. Thus, the  
53 non-reciprocal exchange ended with *A* having all the balls and *B* none. After each of these  
54 exchanges, the human actors offered food to the monkeys. The monkeys took food equally

55 from actors *A* and *B* after the reciprocal exchange. However, they avoided receiving food  
56 from *A* after the non-reciprocal exchange. This study indicated that the same monkeys would  
57 be sensitive to reciprocity—or more precisely, to violations of reciprocity—in exchanges of  
58 items between third parties. We refer to this differential response as ‘third-party social  
59 evaluation’. We have replicated this third-party social evaluation with marmoset monkeys in  
60 previous studies (Kawai, Yasue, Banno, & Ichinohe, 2014; Yasue, Nakagami, Banno,  
61 Nakagaki, Ichinohe, & Kawai, 2015), who have well-documented pro-social tendencies and  
62 cooperativeness (Burkhart et al., 2014; Burkhart, Fehr, Efferson, & van Schaik, 2007). These  
63 monkeys accepted less food from human actors who failed to reciprocate in exchanges of  
64 objects or food compared to actors who reciprocated.

65         So far, evidence of third-party social evaluation among primates is scarce except in  
66 humans and great apes (Hermann et al., 2013; Krupenye & Hare, 2018; Russell et al., 2008;  
67 Subiaul et al., 2008). It is not clear whether this is a homology among monkeys or a  
68 convergence of pro-social tendencies in cooperative species. We hypothesized that primate  
69 species that cooperate frequently will exhibit third-party social evaluation, because this  
70 third-party social evaluation would be beneficial to species with respect to decision-making  
71 such as potential partners for cooperation. In contrast, primate species that do not cooperate  
72 often will not be concerned about the unbalanced outcome of others’ social exchanges (Kawai  
73 et al., 2014) (social system hypothesis).

74         Nevertheless, Anderson, Bucher, Kuroshima, & Fujita (2016) reported that squirrel  
75 monkeys showed third-party social evaluation in their Experiment 1. This study suggests that  
76 third-party social evaluation is a homology among primates, at least in New World monkeys.  
77 Importantly, however, squirrel monkeys showed a biased preference for one human actor in a  
78 reciprocal scenario in Experiment 2, despite no logical reason for the preference. It is not clear  
79 whether the squirrel monkeys showed consistent evaluations in the two scenarios or whether  
80 it was simply a randomized bias. This study used coloured balls in their exchange scenarios,

81 whereas in our studies with common marmosets, we exchanged different foods to establish  
82 ecological validity. These procedural differences may generate inconsistent results.

83 One of our ultimate goals is to explore the evolutionary origins of third-party  
84 evaluations and to test whether it originates in common ancestral primates as a homologous  
85 psychological trait within primate lineages (homology hypothesis) or whether it  
86 independently evolves as an analogous trait via socio-ecological adaptation processes (social  
87 system hypothesis). Although third-party evaluation has been reported in several New World  
88 monkeys and apes, less empirical evidence in Old World monkeys is available despite having  
89 been long discussed in the context of social evolution. Given the critical lack of empirical  
90 evidence, particularly for Old World monkeys, accumulations of comparable empirical  
91 demonstrations in Japanese macaques, an ideal candidate species, would contribute to  
92 ongoing debates on the primate evolution of third-party evaluation. Here, we aimed to  
93 compare the common marmoset and Japanese macaque, which have different tendencies in  
94 social behaviours, especially in cooperativeness and tolerance.

95 Common marmosets (*Callithrix jacchus*) are small New World monkeys that live in  
96 small family groups. They are monogamous and no ranking exists within groups (Burkhart et  
97 al., 2014). Common marmosets commonly give birth to two non-identical twins. Infant  
98 common marmosets instinctively cling to their mother's back, and do not voluntarily let go  
99 for the first two weeks. Consequently, females need help from other family members, usually  
100 the father of the infants. The father takes significant responsibility for the care of the infants  
101 until they are weaned at three months of age. Furthermore, individuals other than the genetic  
102 parents help to care and provide for the offspring. This cooperative breeding is hypothesized  
103 to be linked to improved skills in socio-cognitive and communicative processes (Burkhart et  
104 al., 2014), such as concern for others, cooperation, proactive food-sharing (Jaeggi, Burkart, &  
105 van Schaik, 2010), and targeted helping with non-relatives and near strangers (Burkart, Fehr,  
106 Efferson, & van Schaik, 2007).

107 In contrast, social relationships among Japanese macaques (*Macaca fuscata*) are  
108 considered despotic among macaque species (Katsu, Yamada, & Nakamichi, 2017;  
109 Matsumura, 1999; Thierry, 2007). Macaque species are behaviourally diverse and display  
110 broad interspecific variation in patterns of social behaviours. Thus, they have been arranged  
111 along a 4-grade scale for social style (Reinhart et al., 2010). At one end of the scale, there are  
112 grade-1 species (e.g., Japanese macaques) with highly hierarchical and despotic social  
113 systems. Most social interactions among Japanese macaques are asymmetrical and reflect the  
114 dominance relationship between the interactants (Chaffin, Friedlen, & de Waal, 1995).  
115 Reconciliation rates in Japanese macaques are relatively low compared to rates in other  
116 macaque species (Thierry, 2000), supposedly because reconciliation entails the risk of further  
117 aggression. Schino, Rosati and Aureli (1998) found that Japanese macaques reconciled fewer  
118 conflicts during mating season and suggested that this was because of a general deterioration  
119 of social relationships resulting from increased competition and tension. A comparative study  
120 of aggression and conciliation in three cercopithecine monkeys (*Macaca fuscata*, *Macaca*  
121 *nigra*, and *Papio papio*) found that the use of peaceful interventions in conflicts was common  
122 in crested macaques, rare in Guinea baboons, and unobserved in Japanese macaques (Petit,  
123 Abegg, & Thierry, 1997). Other comparative studies have shown that whereas low levels of  
124 social tolerance, marked submission behaviour, and strict hierarchies characterize Japanese  
125 macaques (Aureli, Das, & Veenema, 1997; Chaffin, Friedlen, & de Waal, 1995; Kutsukake &  
126 Castles, 2001; Schino, Rosati, & Aureli, 1998; McKenna, 1980), crested macaques display  
127 greater tolerance and relaxed dominance (Petit, Bertrand, & Thierry, 2008). In contrast, at the  
128 other end of the scale, grade-4 species (e.g., Tonkean macaques) have more relaxed and  
129 egalitarian social systems (Reinhart et al., 2010). Reinhart et al. (2010) compared the play  
130 fighting of Japanese (grade-1) and Tonkean (grade-4) macaques. They found that Tonkean  
131 macaques exhibit a relatively cooperative style of play fighting, whereas Japanese macaques  
132 exhibit a relatively competitive style of play fighting.

133 To our knowledge, Japanese macaques hardly cooperate to obtain food. In an  
134 exceptional report, Kaigashi and colleagues (2016) set up a cooperative problem-solving task  
135 for two groups of free-ranging Japanese macaques (Kaigaishi, Yamada, & Nakamichi, 2016).  
136 Although the groups of monkeys of the Awaji Island, renowned for their high levels of  
137 tolerance and low aggression, sometimes succeeded in a rope-pulling task in which two  
138 individuals spontaneously approached a device to pull both ends of a single rope  
139 simultaneously to retrieve a food reward, in more than half of the 1488 trials over seven  
140 months. Only one individual learned to wait for a potential partner when another individual  
141 was absent at the other end of the rope. The other typical group of Japanese macaques (from  
142 Katsuyama) succeeded in this task in only two trials among a total of 199 trials over four  
143 months. Thus, as evident in their spontaneous social interactions (reviewed above) as well as  
144 their performance in this experimental task, Japanese macaques are one of the most despotic  
145 macaque species and often intensely compete with others for food (Kaigashi et al., 2016).

146 To test one of the predictions derived from the homology hypothesis, we examined  
147 whether Japanese monkeys evaluate the third-party social interactions of humans in a direct  
148 comparison with common marmosets using equivalent procedures. Excluding the size of the  
149 apparatus, food to be exchanged and provided, and human actors, the experimental variables  
150 such as the order of the non-reciprocators' locations, order of trials within sessions and of  
151 sessions, and so on were identical. Based on the homology hypothesis, both Japanese  
152 macaques and common marmosets would avoid the non-reciprocator. In contrast, because the  
153 ability to avoid non-reciprocators in third-party interactions is derived from their social  
154 behaviours, the social system hypothesis predicted common marmosets, but not Japanese  
155 macaques, would avoid the non-reciprocator.

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## Method

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### *Subjects*

159 Four female common marmosets (*Callithrix jacchus*) ranging in age from 5.0 to 6.5  
160 years in the National Institute of Neuroscience and five female Japanese monkeys (*Macaca*  
161 *fuscata*) ranging in age from 8 to 11 years in the Primate Research Institute, Kyoto University  
162 were used in this experiment. Each of the four common marmosets (*Callithrix jacchus*) had  
163 previously participated in a third-party social evaluation study (Kawai et al., 2014; Yasue et  
164 al., 2015) and in an inequity aversion study (Yasue et al., 2018). They were cared for by their  
165 parents in a pair cage until the weaning period (3 months old), and then lived in another pair  
166 cage with their littermate until the age of about 1.5 years. They were subsequently housed  
167 individually in cages. All the Japanese monkeys (*Macaca fuscata*) were born in social groups  
168 and raised until the age of 3 at the Primate Research Institute of Kyoto University; they were  
169 subsequently housed individually in cages. No monkeys had experienced cooperation and  
170 reciprocity with conspecifics, but engaged in computerized tasks (Kawai & Koda, 2016;  
171 Kawai, Kubo, Masataka, Hayakawa, 2016). The common marmosets and the Japanese  
172 monkeys had similar social experiences as to cooperation and interaction with conspecifics.

173 The monkeys in each institute were housed in the same animal room. They could see  
174 other monkeys and hear the others' vocalizations in the same room with restricted direct  
175 interactions. They had free access to water and were fed monkey pellets and supplementary  
176 food (including steamed sweet potatoes, pieces of bread, bananas and other fruits as well as  
177 various vegetables) twice a day. The experiment was conducted prior to the second feeding,  
178 twice or thrice a week.

### 179 *Ethics*

180 All procedures for common marmosets were performed in accordance with the National  
181 Institute of Health Guidelines for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals of Japan and were  
182 approved by the Animal Research Committee at the National Institute of Neuroscience in  
183 Japan. All procedures for Japanese monkeys were approved by the ethics committee of the  
184 Primate Research Institute of Kyoto University and were in accordance with the Guide for the  
185 Care and Use of Laboratory Primates.

186 *Procedure*

187       Because common marmosets and Japanese monkeys differ in body size, the apparatus  
188 were differently sized but functionally equivalent. Prior to the experiment, all monkeys  
189 voluntarily entered the apparatus with wire walls ( $25 \times 20 \times 18.5$  cm for common marmosets  
190 and  $54 \times 41 \times 46$  cm for Japanese monkeys) from their home cage and were taken to the  
191 experimental room.

192       The experimental procedure for the third-party reciprocal/non-reciprocal exchange was  
193 the same as that used in the previous common marmoset study (Yasue et al., 2015) and  
194 squirrel monkey study (Anderson et al., 2016), in which one actor played one role throughout  
195 the session. To initiate a trial, two female human actors opened an opaque screen, which was  
196 located next to the wire wall. Manipulation of the screen was achieved using ropes and  
197 pulleys by the combined effort of both the actors. Two actors (*A* and *B*) stood about 92 cm  
198 from the monkey and 50 cm apart. After confirming that the monkey's attention was directed  
199 towards the actors, the demonstration began in accordance with one of two conditions  
200 (reciprocal condition and non-reciprocal condition). In each condition, two small pieces of  
201 two types of food (steamed buns and potatoes for common marmosets, and apples and raisins  
202 for Japanese monkeys) were placed on a table in front of each actor. These foods were used to  
203 draw the monkey's attention and to simulate a naturalistic situation (i.e., food sharing). First,  
204 actor *B* picked up the two pieces of food (food-*B*) on the table in front of *B* and showed them  
205 to the monkey. Actor *A* then took the food-*B* from actor *B*'s hands and put them in front of *A*.  
206 At this moment, actor *B* neither offered food to actor *A* nor rejected her action. Next, in the  
207 reciprocal condition, actor *A* picked up the two pieces of food-*A* on the table and showed  
208 them to the monkey. Actor *B* took the food-*A* from the actor *A*'s hands in the same way as  
209 actor *A* did previously. Thus two types of exchanges were made between *A* and *B*. In the  
210 non-reciprocal condition, actor *A* picked up the two pieces of food-*A* on the table. When actor  
211 *B* approached the food-*A* in actor *A*'s hands, actor *A* did not allow *B* to take the food by  
212 turning it back to *B*. Thus, *A* ended up with four pieces of food and *B* with none (Figure 1).

213 Actor *A* piled the food items on her pile. After each of these demonstrations, two actors pulled  
214 ropes simultaneously, and the screen was closed and the food items were hidden. Five  
215 seconds later, the screen was re-opened and two actors presented a reward (a piece of sponge  
216 cake for common marmosets and a piece of peanuts for Japanese monkeys) in front of the  
217 monkey 10 cm apart. When the monkey took one of the rewards, or monkey did not take  
218 either of rewards for 20 sec., the screen was closed and the inter-trial interval of 10 s began  
219 (Figure 1). The actors did not look at the monkey when they offered rewards. During  
220 exchanges, the experimenters looked at their own food items or the other's food items when  
221 they reached for the other's food items. When they offered food to the monkeys, they did not  
222 gaze at the monkey, but looked at the area near the opened screen above the monkey. Their  
223 offerings were synchronized without any vocalization.

224 The combinations of food and actors' locations were counter-balanced within each  
225 session and each session contained 12 trials. As in the previous studies (Anderson et al., 2013;  
226 Yasue et al., 2015), one actor failed to reciprocate 12 times in a row. Eight reciprocal sessions  
227 and eight non-reciprocal sessions were conducted alternately. The actor's role was fixed in a  
228 session, but changed randomly across sessions as in the previous common marmoset study  
229 (Yasue et al., 2015) and squirrel monkey study (Anderson, et al., 2016). Data were pooled for  
230 each individual for the statistical analyses.

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## Results

233 *Experiment 1: Common marmoset monkeys.* In 8 trials out of a total of 768 trials, the  
234 common marmosets failed to take a reward from either actor, and were excluded from the  
235 analysis. As shown in the left panel of Figure 2 (Figure 2), the common marmosets'  
236 preference for accepting the reward did not differ between the two actors (*A* and *B*) in the  
237 reciprocal condition (mean 52.08, 95% CI [55.62, 48.55] and 47.14, 95% CI [50.07, 44.20],  
238 respectively). In contrast, the common marmosets showed a significant avoidance for actor *A*  
239 (the non-reciprocator) over actor *B* (the reciprocator) (mean 40.10, 95% CI [45.28, 34.93] and

240 58.59, 95% CI [63.26, 53.93], respectively). An analysis of variance (ANOVA) exhibited the  
 241 main effect of condition,  $F(1, 3) = 11.26, p = .0439$ , partial  $\eta^2 = .789$ , and a significant  
 242 interaction of condition and actor,  $F(1, 3) = 10.22, p = .0495$ , partial  $\eta^2 = .773$ . However, the  
 243 main effect of actor was not significant,  $F(1, 3) = 0.16, n.s.$ , partial  $\eta^2 = .051$ . A post-hoc  
 244 analysis with Bonferroni correction revealed that the common marmosets accepted food less  
 245 frequently from actor *A* than from actor *B* in the non-reciprocal condition,  $F(1, 3) = 14.07$ ,  
 246 adjusted  $p = .0331$ , partial  $\eta^2 = .824$ , and received food marginally less frequently from actor  
 247 *A* in the non-reciprocal condition than from actor *A* in the reciprocal condition,  $F(1, 3) = 8.58$ ,  
 248 adjusted  $p = .0610$ . They accepted food more frequently from actor *B* in the non-reciprocal  
 249 condition than actor *B* in the reciprocal condition,  $F(1, 3) = 11.90$ , adjusted  $p = .0409$ , partial  
 250  $\eta^2 = .799$ .

251 *Experiment 2: Japanese monkeys.* In 11 trials out of a total of 960 trials, the Japanese  
 252 monkeys failed to take a reward from either actor, and were excluded from the analysis. The  
 253 patterns of the results were remarkably different from those of the common marmosets. The  
 254 Japanese monkeys received food equally from the two actors not only in the reciprocal  
 255 condition (mean 50.83, 95% CI [53.75, 47.92] and 48.33, 95% CI [50.53, 46.13],  
 256 respectively) but also in the non-reciprocal condition (mean 50.21, 95% CI [52.19, 48.23] and  
 257 48.33, 95% CI [49.99, 46.67], respectively). An ANOVA revealed that the main effect of  
 258 actor,  $F(1, 4) = 1.00, n.s.$ , main effect of condition,  $F(1, 4) = 3.25, p = .15, n.s.$ , and the  
 259 interaction of actor and condition,  $F(1, 4) < 1, n.s.$ , were not significant.

260 A three-way ANOVA revealed that the main effects of species,  $F(1, 7) < 1, n.s.$ ,  $\eta^2$   
 261  $= .041$ , condition,  $F(1, 7) < 1, n.s.$ ,  $\eta^2 < .001$ , and actor,  $F(1, 7) = 4.17, p = .080$ ,  $\eta^2 < .001$ ,  
 262 were not significant. The interaction of species and condition was not significant,  $F(1, 7) < 1$ ,  
 263  $n.s.$ ,  $\eta^2 < .001$ . Nevertheless, both the interaction of species and actors,  $F(1, 7) < 15.94, p$   
 264  $= .005$ ,  $\eta^2 = .154$ , and the interaction of condition and actor,  $F(1, 7) < 10.84, p = .0132$ ,  $\eta^2$   
 265  $= .278$ , were significant. Furthermore, a second-order interaction between actor and condition  
 266 was also significant,  $F(1, 7) < 9.74, p = .0168$ ,  $\eta^2 = .250$ , indicating that the common

267 marmosets made different responses to the actors in the two conditions, while the Japanese  
268 monkeys did not respond differentially to the actors in the two conditions.

269 We also performed a generalized linear mixed model (GLMM) fitting for the  
270 actor-choice data, considering species (common marmoset or Japanese macaques), session  
271 orders, trial orders nested in session orders, and reciprocal conditions (reciprocal or  
272 non-reciprocal) as fixed effect terms, with subject as a random effect term, and evaluated the  
273 models by the model selection procedure. In the model, choice data were treated as binary  
274 data (1: = 'actor *A* choice' or 0: = 'actor *B* choice'). First, we constructed full models that  
275 included all fixed effect terms and the possible interaction effect terms. The binomial family  
276 with the logit link function were used in the models. The intercept of the model was set to the  
277 marmoset and non-reciprocal conditions. Next, we eliminated the fixed effect terms by the  
278 stepwise model selection procedures based on the Akaike Information Criteria (AICs).  
279 Subsequently, we reported the best model (the minimal AIC model) with the estimated  
280 parameters. The models were fitted by the 'glmer' method in the 'lme4' package, and model  
281 selection was performed by the 'dredge' method in the 'MuMIn' package in R. The 95  
282 percent confidence intervals of the estimated parameters were computed by the 'confint'  
283 method in the 'lme4' package.

284 The best model (AIC: 2364.4) included the reciprocal condition, species, and its  
285 interaction (reciprocity and species), and all these terms were positive effects. Session order  
286 was not included in the best model, suggesting no statistical explanatory power of session  
287 progress in the data sets (for the details of model selections, see supplementary online  
288 materials, S1). In the best model, the parameters of the interaction effect term of condition  
289 and species, condition effect term, and species effect term were estimated as -0.467 +/- 0.196,  
290 0.479 +/- 0.146, and 0.417 +/- 0.139 (mean +/- SD), respectively. These parameters were  
291 significantly differed from 0 (condition x species,  $z$ -value = -2.38,  $p$  = 0.01716; condition,  
292  $z$ -value = 3.27,  $p$  = .00108; species,  $z$ -value = 3.27,  $p$  = .00108, supplementary online  
293 materials, S2). We subsequently evaluated the estimated parameters in the best model for

294 each species. In the marmoset experiment, the estimated parameter of the non-reciprocal  
295 condition was -0.38 (95% CI: -0.59, -0.18), while that of the reciprocal condition was 0.10  
296 (95% CI: -0.39, 0.59). This suggested that the common marmosets likely chose actor *B* in the  
297 non-reciprocal condition, but showed no biased choice in the reciprocal condition. In contrast,  
298 the estimated parameter for the Japanese macaques in the non-reciprocal condition was 0.04  
299 (95% CI: -0.44, 0.52), while that for the reciprocal condition was 0.05 (95% CI: -1.10, 1.20),  
300 thereby suggesting no biased actor choice in both the reciprocal and non-reciprocal conditions  
301 among the Japanese macaques.

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### Discussion

304 The present results clearly demonstrate the species difference in social evaluations; the  
305 common marmosets, a pro-social species (Burkhart et al., 2014; Yasue et al., 2015; 2018),  
306 were less likely to obtain food from non-reciprocal human actors when they observed an  
307 asymmetric exchange between third parties who had no direct relevance to the common  
308 marmosets, whereas the Japanese monkeys, a despotic species (Matsumura, 1999; Thierry,  
309 2007; Katsu, Yamada, & Nakamichi, 2017), did not exhibit any differential behaviour in the  
310 two conditions. This is the first demonstration that a primate species was equally likely to  
311 obtain food from reciprocal and non-reciprocal human actors. These results indicate that the  
312 evaluation of third-party reciprocity by monkeys is not a general trait shared with all primate  
313 species. Rather, the present results suggest that primates' social evaluations of individuals  
314 based on third-party interactions are the result of convergent processes, rather than homology  
315 (Kawai et al., 2014).

316 The response rates by the common marmosets in the present study were quite similar to  
317 those of previous studies with common marmosets and capuchin monkeys: Capuchin  
318 monkeys took food more frequently from *B* (57.7 %) compared to *A* (42.3 %) in  
319 non-reciprocal condition, while their responses were indifferent to both actors (*B* : 47.6%, *A* :  
320 52.4 %) in reciprocal condition in Experiment 1 (Anderson et al., 2013). Squirrel monkeys

321 were more likely to take food from *B* (58.3 %) compared to *A* (41.7 %) in non-reciprocal  
322 condition. In contrast, they showed no preference for food offered by both actors (*B* : 47.9 %,  
323 *A* : 52.1 %) in reciprocal condition in Experiment 1. In Anderson et al.'s (2013) Experiment 2,  
324 in which mixed trial sessions were conducted as in Kawai et al. (2014), squirrel monkeys took  
325 food more often from *B* compared to *A* (58.6 % vs. 41.4 %) in non-reciprocal condition.  
326 Nevertheless, they received food significantly more frequently from *A* than *B* (55.6 % vs.  
327 44.4%) in reciprocal condition (Anderson et al., 2016). Marmoset monkeys were more likely  
328 to take food from *B* (58.9 %) compared to *A* (41.1%) in non-reciprocal condition, while they  
329 showed no preference for food offered by both actors (*B*: 50.2%, *A*: 49.8 %) in reciprocal  
330 condition (Kawai et al., 2014). These patterns of the results were quite similar to those of  
331 Yasue et al. (2015), who tested common marmosets (*B*: 59.0 % vs. *A*: 39.6 % in the  
332 non-reciprocal condition; *B*: 50.9 % vs. *A*: 47.7 % in the reciprocal condition).

333         So far, common marmosets (Kawai et al., 2014; Yasue et al., 2015) have repeatedly  
334 demonstrated that they were less likely obtain food from non-reciprocal human actors, while  
335 they respond equally to reciprocal human actors. Two possible explanations might account for  
336 the differences between the two species. The first possibility is that the lack of prior  
337 experience with this test might have yielded non-differential behaviours in the Japanese  
338 macaques. Monkeys experience humans giving food to them. Otherwise, they would not want  
339 to interact with humans that may not give them food. The common marmosets in the present  
340 study experienced this test once (Kawai et al., 2014; Yasue et al., 2015). Nevertheless, the  
341 common marmosets avoided non-reciprocal actors in the first experiment. Importantly, these  
342 tests were not discrimination learning tasks using differential reinforcement. Monkeys could  
343 receive the same food, regardless of their choices. Furthermore, as both the actors took the  
344 role of the non-reciprocator in this study, it seems unlikely that the monkeys modified their  
345 behaviour based on the associations between reward contingency and specific actors. They  
346 did not have any reason to modify their behaviours to avoid non-reciprocal actors. In fact,  
347 they did not change their responses according to their experiences. The GLMM analysis

348 revealed that the session order was not a critical factor for explaining the present pattern of  
349 the results.

350 The other possibility is that a primate species that cooperates with other conspecific  
351 members will be sensitive to reciprocal interactions and its violations, while a primate species  
352 that does not cooperate (i.e., reciprocal exchange) in its natural environment will not, because  
353 cooperation is contingent on the nature of previous interactions among partners (Jaeggi,  
354 Burkhardt, van Schaik, 2010; Silk, 2015). If an individual repeatedly fails to cooperate, then  
355 the opportunity to be a potential cooperation partner will be lost (Brosnan & de Waal, 2014;  
356 Olson, 1965). In other words, cooperative primates have to monitor whether exchange  
357 between partners is balanced. Both common marmosets (Burkhardt et al., 2007; 2014; Jaeggi et  
358 al., 2010) and capuchins (de Waal & Berger, 2000; de Waal, Leimgruber, & Greenberg, 2008)  
359 cooperate both in experimental settings and their natural environment (Yamamoto, Box,  
360 Albuquerque, & Arruda, 1996; Rose, 1997). However, the sensitivity to third-party interaction  
361 may be different depending on the test used in the study. Brosnan & de Waal (2009), using a  
362 different procedure, found that capuchins are insensitive to the actions of human  
363 experimenters: the capuchins failed to choose the experimenter who did not cheat them over  
364 the experimenter who did (see also Engelmann et al., 2012; Riedl et al., 2012). Nevertheless,  
365 at least some apes respond by preferring the non-cheating experimenter (Russell, Call, &  
366 Dunbar, 2008; Subiaul, Vonk, Okamoto-Barth, & Barth, 2008). In contrast, Japanese  
367 monkeys do not cooperate to solve instrumental tasks as capuchins and common marmosets  
368 do (Katsu et al., 2017).

369 The overall results were not driven by a strong preference by some of individuals, but  
370 rather were achieved by a consistent preference among all the common marmosets. All four  
371 common marmosets showed a bias toward actor *B* (the predicted direction) in the  
372 non-reciprocal condition, while two out of four (50%) showed a preference for actor *B* in the  
373 reciprocal condition. In the Japanese macaque experiment, three out of five monkeys showed

374 a predicted direction bias with two ties in the non-reciprocal condition, while two out of five  
375 showed a preference for actor *B* with one tie in the reciprocal condition.

376 As all the common marmosets and Japanese macaques in this study were female, that  
377 may be a potential factor that might affect the present results, in that female common  
378 marmosets are quite sensitive to reciprocity and its violation. However, our previous studies  
379 on third-party evaluations included male common marmosets. In addition, no studies on  
380 third-party evaluation in primates have suggested potential sex differences. Further studies  
381 should examine whether any sex differences exist by including both sexes.

382 In this study, there is one obvious procedural difference between the two conditions, in  
383 that the non-reciprocator *A* turned her back on the reciprocating actor *B*, but neither actor  
384 moved in the other context and nor did actor *B* in the non-reciprocating condition. Therefore,  
385 the monkeys could have been responding to the fact that actor *B* failed to share, or to the fact  
386 that actor *B* moved/turned her back, which would have attracted their attention and potentially  
387 have been very aversive. The monkeys may have simply reacted to a refusal to share food.  
388 However, these refusal gestures have been adopted in previous studies (Anderson et al., 2013;  
389 2016). Even more exaggerated gestures were adopted in studies with chimpanzees on a  
390 third-party recognition test. Human actors who interrupted giving food to apes and did not  
391 merely refuse to donate food to another individual, had negative behaviours including  
392 aggression (Russell et al., 2008) and teasing (deliberately holding food out of the beggar's  
393 reach; Subiaul et al., 2008) directed at them. These exaggerated behaviours might have  
394 influenced the apes' reactions to the actors. Therefore, Anderson and colleagues modified the  
395 non-reciprocal exchanges as used in their present study (Anderson et al., 2013). Nevertheless,  
396 there may be a possibility that the common marmosets had responded to these gestures or  
397 simply reacted to a refusal to share food. However, in either case, the Japanese macaques  
398 were not sensitive to such gestures or the event.

399 In summary, our comparative demonstrations successfully replicated third-party  
400 evaluations in common marmosets and further revealed no similar evidence for Japanese

401 macaques. Together with the previous findings regarding third-party evaluations, we have  
402 now updated both lists of third-party evaluators (humans, chimpanzees, capuchins, and  
403 common marmosets) and low social evaluators (gorillas, orangutans [Herrmann et al., 2013,  
404 but see Russell et al., 2008], and Japanese macaques). The boundaries for such social  
405 evaluators likely correspond to the differences in their ‘socialities’ in different aspects (e.g.  
406 cooperators or not, tolerant or not, or despotic or egalitarian). Importantly, these boundaries  
407 are not always associated with phylogenetic relatedness, but rather likely match with social  
408 structures, thereby suggesting the possible evolutionary mechanisms for the convergences of  
409 third-party evaluation as an analogous trait. To test whether it has roots in common ancestral  
410 primates as a homologous psychological trait within primate lineages, we need more species  
411 with a wide range of social structures, especially Old World monkeys. Only in this way will  
412 we obtain accurate conclusions regarding the evolutionary origins of social evaluations  
413 typically found in human social communication.

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### Figure Captions

**Figure 1.** An illustration of procedures. In the reciprocal condition (picture on the left), actor *A* took food-B from actor *B*. Next, actor *B* took food-A from actor *A*. Thus two types of food were exchanged between *A* and *B*. In the non-reciprocal condition (picture on the right), actor *A* took food-B from actor *B*. Actor *A* did not allow *B* to take actor *A*'s food. Thus, *A* ended up with four pieces of food and *B* with none. The numbers represent the order of a sequence in an exchange.

**Figure 2.** Proportion of monkeys' food acceptance from actor *A* and *B* in each condition. The asterisks show significant differences. The vertical bars represent standard errors. The plus shows marginally significant difference.

## Legends of supplementary online materials

### **S1. Raw output of the parameter estimation table in the result of generalized linear mixed model (the estimated best model) fitted by “glmer” method in the “lmer4” and “lmerTest” packages.**

The table listed the estimated parameters in the best model. The table was the raw output computed by calling “summary()” function in the R. In this model, Intercept was set at the non-reciprocal condition and marmoset subject. Therefore, “condition\_sReciprocal”, “sppjm”, and “condition\_sReciprocal:sppjm” mean the effect of reciprocal condition, Japanese monkeys, and its interaction, respectively. The “Pr” means the probabilities that the estimated parameter differed from 0. In this case, all estimated parameters significantly differed from 0, suggesting the all fixed effect terms showed the statistically significant effects.

### **S2. Results of model selections by “dredge” method in the “MuMIn” packages.**

The all evaluated models listed and ranked by Akaike Information Criteria (AICs). The top line is the best model, the lowest AIC model. The model selection started from the full models, including the possible fixed effect terms, i.e., condition (shown as “condition\_s”), session orders (“session\_id”), trial orders (“trial\_id”), species (“spp”) and the random effect term of subject (“subject”). The interaction effect terms were represented as the connection by “:”, i.e., “cnd\_s:spp” represented the interaction effect term of condition x species. In these models, the intercept was set at the 1<sup>st</sup> trial of the 1<sup>st</sup> session in the non-reciprocal condition and marmoset subject. The “(Int)” means the estimations of intercept of the model. The “+” means positive effect of the estimated parameters in the model. For example, the positive effect of “cnd\_s” (cnd\_s = +) means that choice binary response data was greater in reciprocal condition than in non-reciprocal condition. Likewise, the positive effect of species means that the choice binary response data was greater in Japanese monkeys than in marmosets. The

“df”s were the degrees of freedom for each model, “logLik” were log likelihood of the model, and “delta” were differences of the AICs from the best model.

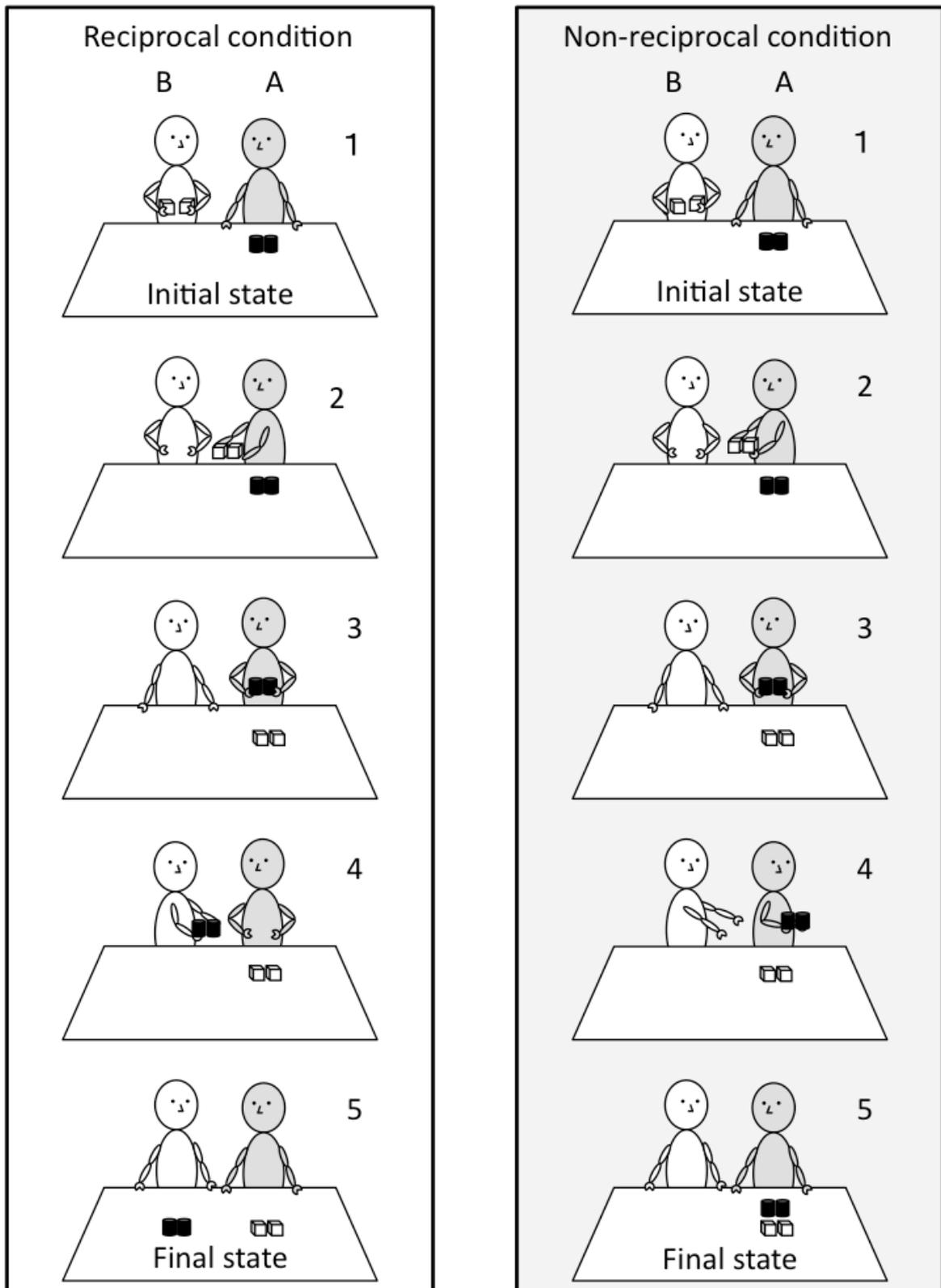


Fig. 1

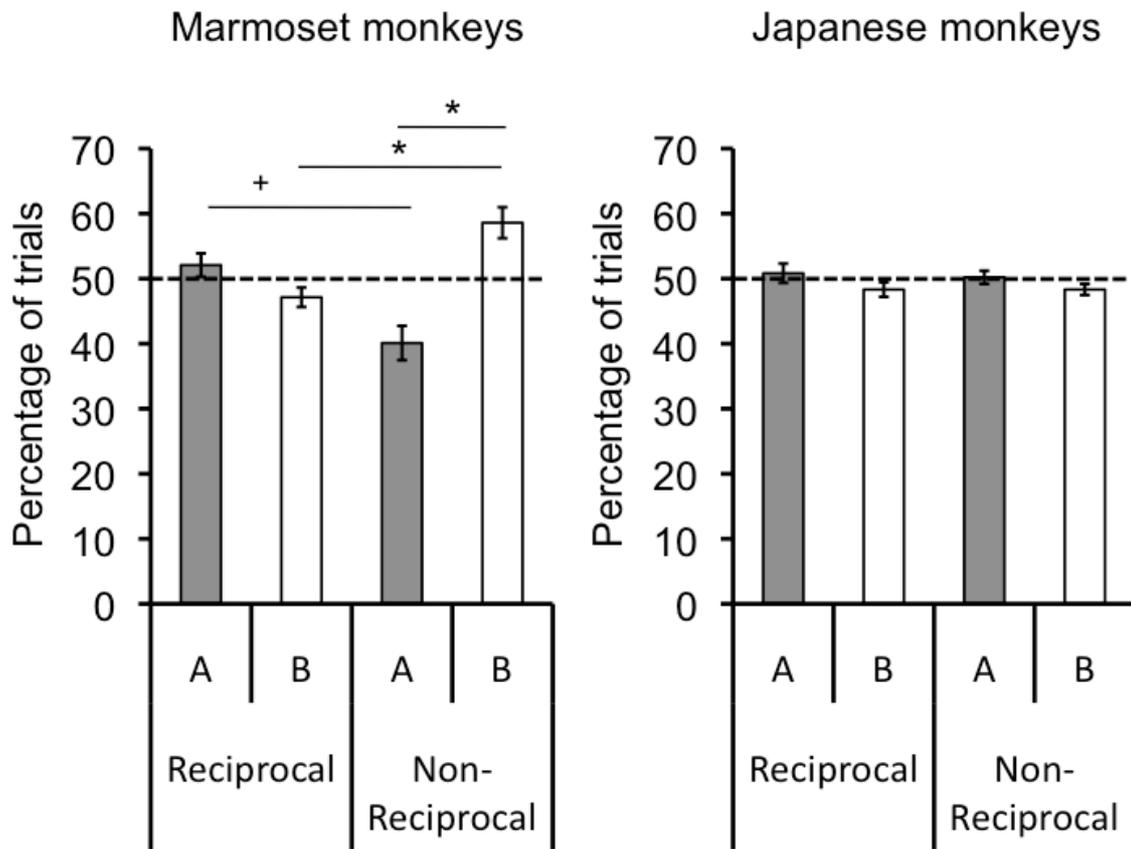


Fig. 2

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )
(Intercept)	-0.3791	0.1046	-3.625	0.0002885
condition_sReciprocal	0.4790	0.1465	3.269	0.0010777
sppjm	0.4172	0.1393	2.996	0.0027383
condition_sReciprocal:sppjm	-0.4666	0.1958	-2.383	0.0171595

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Global model call: glmer(formula = choice ~ condition_s * session_id/trial_id *
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22 -0.37910          + 0.006603 +          +          +          +          +          +          +          +
24 -0.40990          + 0.006603 +          +          +          +          +          +          +
32 -0.30920          + -0.015520 +          +          +          +          +          +          +
6  -0.24700          +          +          +          +          +          +          +          +
56 -0.41360          + 0.007624 +          +          +          +          +          +          +
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64 -0.31310          + -0.014660 +          +          +          +          +          +          +
160 -0.30960         + -0.037040 +          +          +          +          +          +          +
2  -0.14580          +          +          +          +          +          +          +          +
8  -0.27650          + 0.006532 +          +          +          +          +          +          +
256 -0.12870         + -0.077710 +          +          +          +          +          +          +
16  -0.17750          + -0.015440 +          +          +          +          +          +          +
5  -0.13710          +          +          +          +          +          +          +          +
192 -0.31360         + -0.036140 +          +          +          +          +          +          +
4  -0.17520          + 0.006519 +          +          +          +          +          +          +
40 -0.22000          + 0.007311 +          +          +          +          +          +          +
12  -0.07619         + -0.015450 +          +          +          +          +          +          +
1  -0.03628          +          +          +          +          +          +          +          +
48 -0.18070         + -0.014730 +          +          +          +          +          +          +
144 -0.17760         + -0.036410 +          +          +          +          +          +          +
7  -0.16580          + 0.006373 +          +          +          +          +          +          +
512 -0.12880         + -0.073060 +          +          +          +          +          +          +
140 -0.07588         + -0.035100 +          +          +          +          +          +          +
3  -0.06492          + 0.006360 +          +          +          +          +          +          +
176 -0.18090         + -0.035690 +          +          +          +          +          +          +
39 -0.16590          + 0.007098 +          +          +          +          +          +          +
Models ranked by AIC(x)
Random terms (all models):
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